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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

For the birds

U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services' Todd Stewart and David Borrowman inspect a propane cannon, or gas exploder, on the airfield. The cannon is a nonlethal way to harass and remove wildlife, especially geese and birds of prey, from the airfield. If wildlife is found on or near the runway, it could cause hazards for the aircrew and aircraft. The cannon is fired daily by airfield management and is visually checked by Bird Avoidance Strike Hazard program team members periodically to ensure it's in working order.

Surfin' USA!

Cyber Cafe boosts quality of life

By Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Airmen living in the base dormitories will soon have a new Internet access option. Providing yet another boost for Whiteman's quality of life, the Ozark Inn's Cyber Cafe is scheduled to open in late March. Preparations are under way for the four computer units located in the south end of the dining facility.

Airmen who had no Internet connection in their rooms previously had to go online at the base library or off base, but the addition of the Cyber Cafe should give airmen an inexpensive way to chat with friends and loved ones.

"It's a great thing," said Airman John Calvano, 509th Communications Squadron and Atlantis Hall resident. "A lot of people on base can't check e-mail because our jobs don't permit us to and phone cards are expensive. E-mail is cheap."

The program, pushed since September, should help boost morale for airmen on station and those deployed to remote locations. Airmen can chat with deployed friends through the Cyber Cafe, which has no restrictions on what can be accessed online. The cafe's hours are tentatively set for 5:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m., daily, said Tech Sgt. Elsie Houey, 509th Services Squadron. The project's construction began Feb. 4.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Brent Seidel, All Pro Electrical Technology, drills a hole before track lighting wiring can be placed. The new lighting is one of many features the Cyber Cafe will have.

"(The Cyber Cafe) is an idea that we were benchmarking from Offutt Air Force Base (Neb.)," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant. "The intent is to provide dorm residents full Internet access with high-speed service so they can communicate with friends and family. It's a great opportunity to increase airmen's quality of life."

9-Line Target



Bombs on target!

Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Lorraine Potter

Chief of Air Force Chaplain Services

Gen. Lester Lyles

Commander of Air Force Materiel Command

News in Brief

Commander hosts town meetings

Two town hall meetings hosted by Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, begin at noon and 7 p.m. Monday at Mission's End. Free on-site childcare is available. For a reservation, call the family support center at 687-7132.

All ranks promotion ceremony set

The wing hosts an all ranks promotion ceremony at 8 a.m. Monday at Mission's End.

National Prayer Breakfast set

The Whiteman Chapel hosts the National Prayer Breakfast for military and community members of all faiths beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday at Mission's End. The speaker for is Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Lorraine Potter, Chief of Air Force Chaplain Services.

The National Prayer Breakfast/Luncheon began in the United States during the Dwight D. Eisenhower administration. For years, U.S. leaders had gathered informally for prayer and Scripture readings but the Eisenhower administration felt it should be formalized and began the annual event, which is held in February. Tickets are \$4, and are available at 687-3652 from first sergeants.

Blood drive continues today

A blood drive takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today at the community center.

Weather

Saturday

Snow

H 41 °
L 28 °

Sunday

Mostly cloudy

H 38 °
L 23 °

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

It's time to talk about deployment ... and I have asked the experts to join me in this conversation. Now, I need you.

At noon and 7 p.m. Monday, I will conduct the first of a series of "Town Hall Meetings" with spouses of deployed or deploying members at Mission's End. The family support center has arranged for child care during this one-hour opportunity to talk. There's no limit as to who or how many can attend. The purpose is simple — to explain what's happening here with what's happening with current Air Expeditionary Forces affecting us, the deployments that may occur and answer your questions. Please take advantage of this, the first of a series, town hall discussion about our families on the home front. Spread the word about this gathering.

Talk about professionals — Tech. Sgt. Thomas Briggs, 509th Operations Support Squadron, proved it to me ... he works in our weather shop. A couple weeks ago, I



was returning in my T-38 to some "not-so-good" weather here. He not only gave me the accurate weather picture, he even coordinated with the radar approach control team to change the landing runway direction so we could slip in before it got worse. My thanks to Tech. Sgt. Briggs and the weather team for their contributions to the safety of our daily flying operations. Mission accomplished!

The 509th OSS has another winner. Congratulations to Capt. "Shac" Curry who recently won Air Combat Command's Intelligence Company Grade Officer of the Year award — watch out, he's destined to win the nod at the Air Force. Once again, Maj. Dave Scanlon's intelligence team shines as they always do. They are the backbone of our combat ops!

Let me also give a big pat on the back to our outstanding CE snow removal team. Their focus and determination has been outstanding. In spite of a pretty nasty storm Sunday, our runway and flight line were ready for flying ops first thing Monday morning. The snow removal team did a great job turning their attention to the streets once the mission was taken care of. Thanks for the great work.

Fender benders still plague us due to the road conditions. Take your time! If you're a few minutes late for work because you

decided to slow down, then you've made a wise choice. The mission depends on you!

Col. Gregory Biscone, 509th Operations Group commander, and I have been at Langley Air Force Base, Va., this week to attend the Senior Leader's Maintenance Course. The status of our B-2s has been recognized at ACC. Every member who has had a hand in preparing our jets for combat deserves to know that your work is very much noticed ... we have never been healthier. Your overtime will pay huge dividends to our nation's war efforts. Thank you.

Before I left Monday, I stopped by the 509th Medical Group to give the Whiteman Spirit Award to another outstanding member of our team ... Airman 1st Class Rachel Bernet. Rachel is doing outstanding work caring for a very precious resource here ... our children. She works in the Pediatric Clinic and is on the front lines battling the colds, flus and whatever else our kids "bring to the fight." Thanks Rachel and the rest of the Pediatric staff for all you do.

ACC Command Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane stopped by the bomb squadrons during his visit last week. While he was there, he brought a STEP promotion from the ACC Commander, Gen. Hal Hornburg, to an outstanding and deserving Caveman — Staff Sgt. Walt Farwell of the 325th Bomb



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Briggs and Senior Airman James Bengtson, 509th Operations Support Squadron, track a snow event on the radar.

Squadron! It was three hours from STEP to mess dress and still Tech. Sgt. Farwell was in the right uniform. That impressed the command chiefs and me. Congratulations "Technical Sergeant" Farwell ... and thanks for all you're doing. Well deserved!

The annual awards banquet was above and beyond perfect. Thank you goes to our first sergeants for an elegant evening. They gave our nominees the recognition they deserve and the annual award winners walked away with pride. I'd like to particularly thank Master Sgt. Sheila Moses, 509th OSS, and Diana Craney, 509th Munitions Squadron, for their hard work and preparation. The famed 509th stands tall!

Success equals making things happen

Lt. Col. Andy Cernicky

394th Combat Training Squadron Commander

Are you satisfied with average? When you wake up, do you plan to have an average day? Do you strive to perform an average job? Do you want to be associated with average co-workers, be led by average supervisors and be part of an average unit? When you go to the gym, do you want an average workout? After your average duty day, do you choose to go out to an average restaurant, desire average service and hope for an average meal? Do you desire average phone service as you call your friends and relatives to tell them all about your average day?

Of course not! You're an integral member of Team Whiteman. Demand the best because you are the best! You're not your best by accident. Being the best requires you to think successfully. Successful people exhibit excessive discipline and self-control, adding endless value to the team's mission. If you want to continue being a success, place thought into your actions.

According to best-selling author, motivational speaker and leadership expert John Maxwell, successful people think differently than unsuccessful people. In his soon-to-be published book "Thinking for a Change," he describes 11 things successful people think about that unsuccessful people don't. This is what I learned during Maxwell's seminar.

Maxwell said what you think determines who you are and who you are determines what you do. Your thoughts determine your destiny and your destiny determines your legacy. You can change the way you think and in this way,

he said, you can raise the "lid" or limiting factors in your life.

How you think determines your potential. An interesting way to increase our children's potential is to give them allowances for things that add value to their lives, like reading or taking piano lessons, rather than for chores — which they should do anyway as a responsible family member.

Unsuccessful people think survival while average people think to maintain the status quo. Successful people think progress! They see the wisdom of big picture thinking and focus on the important issues, not necessarily accepting their life, but leading their life! Successful people produce a realistic vision, a picture of tomorrow that produces passion for today! They encourage shared thinking; two separate ideas apart equal two ideas but brought together, two ideas can produce endless possibilities. Also, successful people practice unselfish thinking wanting to improve others' lives.

Maxwell said changing your thinking changes your beliefs, expectations, attitude, behavior and performance. He reminds us practice doesn't necessarily make perfect, but it makes permanent. If you endlessly practice a poor golf swing, you have just reinforced bad practice technique. Changing your performance changes your life! Maxwell suggests people find a quiet, personal place to think, shape, stretch, fly and land their thoughts. I believe Maxwell's vision, because it can add value to your life.

Being average in the military doesn't contribute to war-



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Maj. Tex Addison and Lt. Col. Andy Cernicky, 394th Combat Training Squadron, examine maps of the local flying area in the T-38 pilot prep room.

winning strategies. Rising above average in your professional and personal life requires you to think successfully. Don't cost your team the win by committing a flagrant foul during the game. We must strive to perform successfully if we want to achieve rapid victory in duty and life. Think, plan, act re-evaluate, share your knowledge with others and ask for it when needed.

Apply these principles, and you'll continue providing maximum effect and benefit to your military team, family and community. Get ready for an exciting day today! Take command of your destiny. Be proactive, think for now, tomorrow and your future. You'll maximize your influence, capabilities and enjoyment in life!

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Wing names yearly winners during ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing announced its 2002 annual award winners during a ceremony Feb. 21 at Mission's End. They are:

Company Grade Officer

Capt. Bryan Gillespie is the Company Grade Officer of the Year.

The 509th Security Forces Squadron operations officer is responsible for leading 415 members in four flights and eight sections within the unit. To improve security, Gillespie placed hardened patrol towers in the weapons storage area. His efforts saved \$600,000 in man-hours and allowed entry controllers to cover more ground.

He also validated and received more than \$680,000 in major command funding for the wing's antiterrorism program. To improve his knowledge, he researched the Muslim religion, Arabic language and terrorist groups to prepare for future taskings.



Senior NCO

Senior Master Sgt. John Little is the Senior NCO of the Year.

The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron chief enlisted manager oversees 435 people who are responsible for the base's facilities and utilities worth \$711 million. He also manages 110 equipment items worth \$1.2 million and a repair budget worth more than \$100,000. Little keeps the base looking good by controlling the \$275,000 base grounds contract. It is the only in-house contract in Air Combat Command.

In his spare time, Little is a member of Whiteman's Top 3, the Cave State Cruisers and Warrensburg Wheels car clubs, and the squadron basketball team.



NCO

Staff Sgt. Billy Jack Roberts is the NCO of the Year.

The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief was hand picked to lead and train a four-person team on how to replace a \$165,000 B-2 window. His efforts ensured the people became qualified and the task was completed 60 hours ahead of schedule.

Keeping the mission on track, Roberts discovered a main landing gear door hydraulic actuator leak during a preflight inspection. He helped a specialist replace the defective part, which avoided a departure delay.

Off duty, the sergeant completed nine credit hours toward his Community College of the Air Force degree.



Airman

Senior Airman Randee Dietrick is the Airman of the Year.

The 509th Operations Support Squadron information management apprentice maintained detailed records of classified hand receipts, security checklists and assignment letters. Her efforts ensured 100 percent documentation and disposition of those items. She also managed three budgets worth \$200,000. Dietrick was responsible for designing and purchasing the mission planning cell's dedicated server, which guaranteed 100 percent file storage protection.

Off duty, Dietrick is pursuing an applied science degree in information management. She is also a member of the base archery club.



First Sergeant

Master Sgt. Gary Bolton is the First Sergeant of the Year.

The 509th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant evaluated 383 enlisted performance reviews ensuring a 92 percent on-time rate with a 98 percent error-free rate.

Bolton created a family care program for 18 families of deployed members. His efforts provided mission-critical support at home and abroad, which reduced stress on the member and family.

In his spare time, Bolton is working toward completing a bachelor's degree in human resource management. He is also a member of Whiteman's Top 3, and the squadron's softball, bowling and golf teams.



Honor Guard

Senior Airman Marcus Hunter is the Honor Guard Member of the Year.

The 509th Munitions Squadron munitions systems journeyman was handpicked to attend formal Air Force Honor Guard training. Hunter's knowledge helped him perform at more than 40 ceremonies. As a team leader, he trained 40 members for more than 50 details and 15 members for three active-duty funeral honors.

Besides honor guard duties, Hunter helped ensure his shop had a 100 percent pass rate for its technical order program. He is also a member of the squadron and base varsity basketball teams.



Specialist/Manager

Cindy Walters is the Specialist/Manager of the Year.

The 509th Comptroller Squadron financial analyst managed the \$61 million B-2 operations tempo program and \$22 million in aviation, non-fly, ground, utility and Voyager fuel card expenses. She also mentored 25 resource advisers on the 509th BW reorganization, providing essential information and training.



Off duty, Walters completed a master's degree in business administration from Central Missouri State University. She is also a member of Xi Theta Rho and the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Associate

Nina Dickey is the Associate of the Year.

The 509th Medical Support Squadron beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator ensures civilian-related medical care for more than 3,500 active-duty members has 100 percent accountability. She realigned 11,693 patients by squadron under new doctors to provide better care.

Dickey is also the debt collection assistance officer and is responsible for claim inquiries. She resolved 39 beneficiary claims discrepancies worth \$46,667, which reduced patient anxiety over debt. Her efforts ensured the 509th Medical Group and 11,492 beneficiaries receive Tricare contract entitlements.

She is also the wing's expert on the Retiree Dental and Concordia Dental programs. Dickey helped explain benefits, enrollment and claims to 175 retirees and beneficiaries each quarter.



Laborer/Craftsman

Ronald Hawkins is the Laborer/Craftsman of the Year.

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobile equipment mechanic training leader manages and updates 85 records and 12 recurring training programs. His efforts ensure 66 military members are ready for worldwide deployments.

Hawkins coordinated with Warrensburg Vocational School to teach welding theory to five novice mechanics. The training saved the wing more than \$2,000 per student in temporary duty funds.

He manages and maintains more than 800 Air Force TOs and commercial manuals in eight sub accounts. Hawkins also organized, updated and made the technical manuals available for those who required them.



Volunteer

Kindra Schliffke is the Volunteer of the Year.

As the president of Whiteman Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization, she conducts the meetings to include the executive board and general membership assemblies. Schliffke volunteered more than 688 hours in 2002, with 600 directly to the school.

During the school year, she also volunteers her time in the school's library, helps children improve their reading skills and helps teach Spanish to second graders.

When she's not volunteering at the school, Schliffke teaches religious education at the base chapel.

She is married to Tech. Sgt. Gus Schliffke, 509th AMXS.



Korean War History

Feb. 1, 1950 — Battle of the Twin Tunnels — The 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, French Battalion and 347th Field Artillery Battalion confronted several regiments of the Chinese Communist Forces, killing at least 1,300 CCF.

Sortie board



Monthly

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	525.0	380.0	309.6
Flown	295.4	253.2	339.5



Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	6,350.0	3,870.0	4,200.0
Flown	2,525.8	1,598.8	1,572.7



Information is current as of Wednesday.

Chief Keane visits Whiteman

By Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, toured Whiteman Feb. 21 stopping at various base facilities including the First Term Airmen Center, airman leadership school and the Airmen and NCO professional development courses before speaking at the annual awards ceremony.

"Everyone I met here is fired up. Mentorship is alive and well, and the troops understand about being in the Air Force," said Keane.

Keane regards tradition, camaraderie and respect as some of a person's most important qualities. The chief received his first taste of this from an Air Force recruiter.

When the 17-year-old Keane arrived for a 1 p.m. appointment with a Navy recruiter, he was motioned to wait in the hall. While Keane was waiting he said, a polite and respectful greeting from the Air Force recruiter had set himself apart from the Navy recruiter and helped Keane decide his career path.

"That's how we need to treat each other, with courtesy and respect. It's all about people," said Keane. "When you enter a room and people stand up to greet you or a young airman takes off his glove to shake your hand, it really shows military discipline and professionalism. Courtesy

doesn't come in a can, it must be learned."

In addition to customs and courtesies, Keane holds all Air Force values and standards in high regard.

Physical fitness is one of many standards Keane exemplifies on a daily basis beginning his day with a 5 a.m. workout. The 28 year veteran said he likes to get to the gym even while on the road, which can be a challenge when spending approximately 220 days traveling per year.

The chief's high standards for himself and his troops have helped his career's upward momentum.

Keane said he was chosen for his first position as command chief at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, based on his personal standards. The chief stressed the importance of maintaining and raising standards. "When you let a standard go by, you create a new lower standard."

Besides emphasizing courtesies and standards, Keane stressed the importance of the Air Force mission and the task of defending America from terrorism.

"These terrorists don't want to change us, they want to kill us. They want us dead because of who we are and because we are free," said Keane, a father of two. "The stakes here are really high. We are fighting for our children. I don't want to be a parent worried (about a terrorist attack) every time my daughter goes to the mall or my son goes to a concert.

"This one is personal," said Keane as he referred to a



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, talks with Airman 1st Class Nick Martin, 509th Bomb Wing, about safety and professionalism during an interview Feb. 21.

few acquaintances whose lives were impacted by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He said there are a lot more people affected and, "We need to make it right."

"I trust and believe in my government. If they say go I'm going, I'm there to keep this country safe," said Keane. When asked to offer advice to enlisted members here, the chief said, "Remember what you are fighting for."

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Rachel Bernet
509th Medical Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Rachel Bernet received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Feb. 24.

Tech. Sgt. Aaron Powell, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, nominated Bernet for the award.

Bernet works in pediatrics at the base clinic.

"Rachel is a consummate professional within our element," said Powell. "Her temperament is above reproach, which is important when working with screaming kids and upset parents."

She accomplishes her duties without needing direction, helps answer phones and treats patients with a high level of respect, Powell said. He added she does this with professionalism and care.

"I constantly receive praise from the providers (doctors) she supports in reference to her conduct and professionalism," said Powell. "I feel it (receiving the Whiteman Spirit Award) is well overdue for a person who embodies the Air Force core values."

Personally Speaking

Duty Title: Medical service apprentice

Time on station: 7 months

Time in service: 1 year, 1 month

Hometown: Colchester, Ill.

Goals: I want to go to college and major in accounting.

I've always enjoyed working with numbers.

Hobbies: I like to travel, go on short road trips, dance, sing and hang out with friends.

Pet Peeves: Laziness.

Best thing about Whiteman: The location, since I'm close to home. Also, my friends, co-workers and working with children all day long. It's very rewarding.

What motivates your winning spirit? Doing the best I can do makes me feel good about myself. Also, having a positive attitude makes people around me happy, which makes me happy, and motivates me to work even harder.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? It would be nice to have a bigger base exchange with a larger selection.

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Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee. If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.

Spirit spotlights

... on Tech. Sgt. Brian Ramsey and Staff Sgt.

Michael Hurkmans, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, for scoring 100 percent on their quarterly vehicle inspections in the small unit category.

... on Master Sgt. Patrick Rodriguez and Jerry

Blaisdell, Whiteman Fire Department, for scoring a 98 percent on their quarterly vehicle inspections in the medium unit category.

... on James Boyle and Steve Miller, 442nd Fighter

Wing, for scoring a 96 percent on their quarterly vehicle inspections in the large unit category.



Photo by Master Sgt. Francis Dupuis

Tech. Sgt. Walt Farwell, 325th Bomb Squadron, has technical sergeant stripes tacked on Feb. 21 by Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant.

Caveman NCO 'STEPS' up to next rank

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Public Affairs

A 325th Bomb Squadron member received an unexpected stripe Feb. 21 during Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane's visit here.

Staff Sgt. Walt Farwell was called to the front of the room where Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Keane, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, tacked technical sergeant stripes onto Farwell's sleeves.

Farwell, who said this was a complete surprise, was given the promotion through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

"I was completely speechless," Farwell said. "This ranks right up there with my children being born. I'm extremely happy to be honored in this way."

Since arriving here 10 years ago, Farwell helped create and implement "BOB" — a wingwide aircrew scheduling program. This allows schedulers to better track and assess aircrew training. He also secured tanker support for 60 sorties during a wing full oper-

ational capable exercise.

In a letter hand carried by Keane, Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright praised Farwell's character.

"This STEP promotion is our way of showing your contributions are noticed, recognized and appreciated," wrote Wright, ACC vice commander. "You earned this promotion as a result of the hard work and dedication you've demonstrated over the years as an Air Force member."

As a liaison with the community, Farwell coordinated pilot visits to more than 800 sick children in hospitals in Las Vegas, Tacoma, Wash., and Kansas City, Mo. He also started Whiteman's Pilot for a Day program. To date, 10 terminally ill children's wish of being a B-2 pilot has come true — if only for a day.

The 13-year Air Force veteran has received two Air Force Commendation and Achievement medals, and the Whiteman Spirit Award. He was also the squadron's NCO of the Quarter for the fourth quarter 2002, 509th Operations Group War Fighter of the Month in May 2002 and Top Hawk in September 1998 while assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron.

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Photo by Senior Airman Justin Jacquay

509ers involved with future leaders

Master Sgt. Frank Lurten, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, presents the first-place trophy to junior ROTC cadets Aaron Moore and Brian Williams. The Nevada, Mo., High School JROTC students won the dual exhibition competition at Lee's Summit North High School in Lee's Summit, Mo., Saturday. There were 24 Whiteman members on hand to judge the competition. The next JROTC competition takes place March 8 at Blue Springs High School in Blue Springs, Mo. For information or to volunteer, call Senior Airman Justin Jacquay at 687-2831.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Woman's History Month planning committee members met recently at Mission's End to discuss events.

Woman's History Month Events set

Members of the Woman's History Month event planning committee set the schedule of events for Woman's History Month. They are:

- ✓ Health Risk Assessments 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the base exchange
- ✓ Health Risk Assessments 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the BX
- ✓ Investments and financial management noon-5 p.m. Thursday at the community center
- ✓ Health Risk Assessments 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 7 at the BX

- ✓ 5K fun run noon-1 p.m. March 10 at the fitness center
- ✓ Blood pressure checks 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 10 at the fitness center
- ✓ Cardio and strength training open forum March 11 at the fitness center
- ✓ Aerobics at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., and 5 p.m. March 12 at the fitness center
- ✓ Healthy heart cooking at 11 a.m. March 12 at the health and wellness center. To sign up, call 687-2245
- ✓ Woman's History Month luncheon at noon March 31 at Mission's End

ESOH CAMP Countdown: 45 Days



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Airman 1st Class Chasidy Bowen, 509th Maintenance Group, recycles paper.

(Editor's Note: The 509th Bomb Wing undergoes an external Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program evaluation April 13-18. The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Office will provide tips and other information to help 509ers prepare for the event. This week's topic is solid waste. The last topic will be printed April 4.)

The 509th Bomb Wing will be assessed on its ability to manage, control and administer environmental issues. There will be several different areas covered. One area is solid waste, which encompasses many issues base members deal with daily. These include recycling and trash.

- Base members should ensure:
- ✓ No hazardous wastes are put in the trash or recycling containers and
 - ✓ Proper recycling is accomplished.
- This includes:
- ✓ Segregating recyclables and putting

them in the proper containers or bins.

- ✓ Cleaning recyclables of foreign matter to minimize health or safety hazards.
- ✓ Purchasing recyclables when possible.
- ✓ Properly marking and closing trash and recycle bins to avoid fire, health or safety hazards.
- ✓ Items not authorized for the landfill are not put in trash bins.
- ✓ Solid waste (recyclables and trash) are collected in a safe and efficient manner.
- ✓ The community is aware of proper disposal options.
- ✓ Illegal dumping or disposal of trash is not being practiced on base.
- ✓ All record keeping is properly maintained.
- ✓ Leadership has outlined current management plans they are pursuing.
- ✓ Assessment of the base members knowledge and practice of proper disposal of all forms of solid waste.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Charming snakes

Leanna Baker holds a pair of coiled ball pythons in the palms of her hand and looks on as Elaina Best lets a pair of milk snakes slither around her neck during snakes alive Saturday at the community center. Connie Koch, community center director, taught participants about different kinds of snakes.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Tech Sgt. Harvey Catchings and Staff Sgt. Latonya Charles, 325th Bomb Squadron, fit a workout into their daily routines.

1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Tech. Sgt. Harvey Catchings

325th Bomb Squadron
Additional Duty First Sergeant

As rumors of war continue, we must be mentally, emotionally and physically ready to take on any challenge.

Many members of the Whiteman community made New Year's resolutions or commitments to take care of their bodies and stay fit. I wonder how many have already given up on this commitment regardless of their reasons.

We train for combat daily, so physical fitness must be part of our weekly or daily routine. As military members deploy, the operations tempo increases here and abroad. Exercise can help cut down stress during this time.

According to Air Force Policy Directive 40-5, Fitness and Weight Management, members must be in good physical condition to support the mission. The Air Force emphasizes total fitness and requires its uniformed members to adhere to higher levels of fitness than those normally found

in the civilian sector. The Air Force also recognizes that excess body fat and inadequate physical fitness reduces performance ability, mobility and endurance.

Senior leaders have gone as far as providing guidance to commanders permitting them to allow physical fitness to be conducted during duty time. This guidance leaves no excuse for military members not to be physically fit to accomplish the mission.

The base fitness center provides a variety of exercise equipment and instructors to accomplish the goal of fitness while adhering to Air Force policy. The gym offers training on cardiovascular equipment Tuesdays and training on strength equipment Thursdays, as well as intramural sports and aerobics classes.

The health and wellness center is also a good place to start when it comes to the type of exercise needed for a particular physiological make up.

As tension heightens around the world, I encourage military members to seriously take a look at their physical fitness, make an honest assessment of how fit they really are and make the necessary adjustments. The people who fight beside you in combat will appreciate you showing up for battle, and being mentally, emotionally and physically prepared.



Civilian Employee of the Week

Karen Zumalt was nominated for this award by Airman 1st Class Lucien Dufane, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. As the 509th CES work group manager, Zumalt works hard every day to keep the computers in great working shape. "I can't begin to describe what Karen does in 509th CES. She's been given a lot of responsibility and she handles it well," Dufane said.

Ceremony recognizes teen accomplishments

The 509th Bomb Wing honored 39 teens at a recognition ceremony Feb. 18.

The event honored those who have excelled in their community and serve as positive role models among their peers, said Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th BW commander.

"These youth have made a difference at Whiteman Air Force Base through their leadership abilities, their service to community and their participation in the teen program," Raaberg said. "While juggling the challenges of education, sports play and other obligations, these teens have met the challenge and exceeded program and personal goals."

Youth of the Month

The Youth of the Month program recognizes teens who excelled in their support and service to the teen center, school and community. They were selected through a peer nomination and validation process.

Their involvement signifies a commitment to others and hours of hard work. Each honoree has an opportunity to be recognized as Youth of the Quarter and Youth of the Year.

The monthly winners are:

Stephen Canada, son of Master Sgt. Randy and Marcia Canada.

Josh Carr, son of Staff Sgt. Cary and Yun Cook.

Ishla Hendrick, daughter of Master Sgt. Calvin and Forlissadi Hendrick.

Melissa Munson, daughter of Master Sgt. Donald and Martha Munson.

DeShawn Stallworth, son of Staff Sgt. Gene and Katrina Peoples.

Stephanie Stroud, daughter Maj. Ronald and Kathy Stroud.

Danielle Ware, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Don and Robin Ware.

Stephanie Zuvich, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Nicholas and Debbie Zuvich.

Nick Zuvich, son of Senior Master Sgt. Nicholas and Debbie Zuvich.

Youth of the Year

The Youth of the Year program is a joint Air Force and Boys and Girls Clubs of American program that encourages 14- to 18-year-olds to develop healthy attitudes toward life, build a positive self-concept, and strengthen their writing and speaking skills. Youth selected for this honor have demonstrated initiative and leadership in home, family, community, school, moral values, service to club and life goals.

Zach Eastwood was honored as Whiteman's 2002 Youth of the Year. His parents are retired Tech. Sgt. Rick and Cindy Eastwood.

Curtis Raaberg was honored as the Vance Air Force Base, Okla., 2002 Youth of Year, but moved the Whiteman soon afterward. His parents are Col. Doug and Claudia Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander.

Youth Employment Skills

The Youth Employment Skills program is a volunteer program for high school students. It's a collaborative program between the Air Force Society and Air Force Services Squadrons to offer high school students a chance to learn work skills while earning college scholarship money. In addition to gaining life skills, the youth program receives funds through community credits to spend on teen programs. These youth were recognized for their volunteer service in the YES program.

Megan Barnett, daughter of Master Sgt. James and Jeana Barnett.

Chris Buck, son of Chief Master Sgt. Arthur and Vinai Buck.

Colton Calvin, son of Staff Sgt. James and Christy Calvin.

Josh Carr, son of Staff Sgt. Cary and Yun Cook.

Steven Childers, son of Master Sgt. Tim and Terri Childers.

Carolyn Cleveland, daughter of Master Sgt. Mark and Sharon Cleveland.

Darnell Culbreath, son of Tech. Sgt. Barry and Patricia Culbreath.

Patrick Curry, son of Master Sgt. Curtis and Linda Curry.

Adam Dail, son of Master Sgt. Gary and Brenda Dail.

Jennifer Dail, daughter of Master Sgt. Gary and Brenda Dail.

Stephanie Fowler, daughter of Master Sgt. William and Marissa Fowler.

Zach Grella, son of Tech. Sgt. Roy and Patricia Grella.

Kyle Hamrick, son of Master Sgt. Mark and Terri



Whiteman's Youths of the Month pose with Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander. Alpha-betically, the honorees are: Stephen Canada, Josh Carr, Ishla Hendrick, Melissa Munson, DeShawn Stallworth, Stephanie Stroud, Danielle Ware, Stephanie Zuvich and Nick Zuvich.



Whiteman's Youth Employment Skills program certificate recipients pose with Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander. Alphabetically, the honorees are: Megan Barnett, Chris Buck, Colton Calvin, Josh Carr, Steven Childers, Carolyn Cleveland, Darnell Culbreath, Patrick Curry, Adam Dail, Jennifer Dail, Stephanie Fowler, Zach Grella, Kyle Hamrick, Dawn Hardy, Bailey Hartswick, Kristi Hauger, Ishla Hendrick, Amanda Johnson, Josh Jones, Laura Land, Justin McCoy, Christen Morton, Derek Morton, Ryan Morton, Melissa Munson, Nicholas Rodriguez, Jessica Sellers, Danielle Ware, Cory Wielert, Alison Winton and Stephanie Zuvich.

Hamrick.

Dawn Hardy, daughter of Master Sgt. John and Michelle Hardy.

Bailey Hartswick, daughter of Master Sgt. Thomas and Tech. Sgt. Erin Hartswick.

Kristi Hauger, daughter of Tech. Sgt. David and Sherry Hauger.

Ishla Hendrick, daughter of Master Sgt. Calvin and Forlissadi Hendrick.

Amanda Johnson, daughter of Lt. Col. Charles and Virginia Johnson.

Josh Jones, son of Tech. Sgt. Michael and Betty Jones.

David Kovamees, son of Staff Sgt. Tony and Sandi Winton.

Laura Land, daughter of Lt. Col. Paul and Tanya Land.

Justin McCoy, son of Tech. Sgt. James and Dawn McCoy.

Christen Morton, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Carl and Connie Morton.

Derek Morton, son of Staff Sgt. Darrel and Tara Morton.

Ryan Morton, son of Staff Sgt. Darrel and Tara Morton.

Melissa Munson, daughter of Master Sgt. Donald and Martha Munson.

Nicholas Rodriguez, son of Master Sgt. Patrick and Nora Rodriguez.

Jessica Sellers, daughter of Staff Sgt. Randy and Patty Sellers.

Danielle Ware, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Don and Robin Ware.

Cory Wielert, son of Master Sgt. Jim and Teresa Wielert.

Alison Winton, daughter of Staff Sgt. Tony and Sandi Winton.

Stephanie Zuvich, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Nicholas and Debbie Zuvich.

Presidential Freedom Scholarship

Two American President Freedom Scholarships were presented. In partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the Presidential Scholarship promotes service and citizenship, and recognizes youth for their leadership in those areas. The recipients are:

Jennifer Dail, daughter of Master Sgt. Gary and Brenda Dail.

Brittany Smithers, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Jimmy and Sonya Smithers.

Aviation Camp

Brandon Wielert attended the Teen Aviation Camp conducted by the U.S. Air Force Academy and Air Force Services Squadrons. The camp gives teens a firsthand look into life at the Air Force Academy. Teens also gain insight into the military environment and see what opportunities the Air Force Academy offers. His parents are Master Sgt. Jim and Teresa Wielert.

Congressional Award Program

The Congressional Award Program is sponsored by the U.S. Congress. The award is about challenge and encourages youth to get more involved in something they already enjoy or something they'd like to try for the first time. To earn the award, youth set goals and volunteer in four areas: volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration.

As they work on their goals, they have the opportunity to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates before reaching their goals to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award medals.

Brandon Wielert earned the Bronze Certificate by raising his ACT score, volunteering at Western Missouri Medical Center, improving his physical fitness by running and wrestling, and by exploring the different types of rocks in Missouri. His parents are Master Sgt. Jim and Teresa Wielert.

Cory Wielert earning Bronze and Silver certificates through participation in the YES program, where he volunteered for the 509th Security Forces Squadron as a combat arms assistant and office automation clerk. He also improved his physical fitness by challenging himself to bench press 140 pounds and by planning an overnight tubing trip. Cory's parents are Master Sgt. Jim and Teresa Wielert.

Chris Buck earned Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates through participation in the YES and Civil Air Patrol programs. Chris volunteered as a school-age summer camp aid for the Whiteman Boys and Girls Club and attended a CAP training class for emergency services and procedures. He also physically challenged himself by improving his running time in the mile from 7 minutes and 30 seconds to 6 minutes and 40 seconds. His parents are Chief Master Sgt. Arthur and Vinai Buck.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Starlifter vocalist Airman 1st Class Brian Owens entertained nearly 300 people at the annual awards banquet Feb. 21. Owens is assigned to the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Nixon

The 509th Bomb Wing's 2002 annual award winners pose for a photo. Pictured left to right are Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th BW commander; Ronald Hawkins, Laborer/Craftsman of the Year; Capt. Bryan Gillespie, Company Grade Officer of the

Year; Nina Dickey, Associate of the Year; Master Sgt. Gary Bolton, First Sergeant of the Year; Cindy Walters, Specialist/Manager of the Year; Kindra Schliffke, Volunteer of the Year; Senior Airman Marcus Hunter, Honor Guard Member of

the Year; Senior Airman Randee Dietrick, Airman of the Year; Karen Little, who accepted for her deployed spouse, Senior Master Sgt. John Little, Senior NCO of the Year; Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane, Air Combat Command command chief

master sergeant; Staff Sgt. BillyJack Roberts, NCO of the Year; and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant.

And the winners are ...

Wing honors best of best at annual awards banquet

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
Public Affairs

Among the hooting, hollering and many noisemakers, the 509th Bomb Wing announced its 2002 annual award winners during a banquet Feb. 21 at Mission's End.

Nearly 300 people attended the ceremony to recognize the hard work and dedication of co-workers and friends. The annual awards is part of the Air Combat Command program that recognizes the role those 509ers play in meeting the command's readiness mission.

The night began with reading the wing's accomplishments in 2002, followed by introducing the 39 nominees, dinner, entertainment, guest speaker comments and winner announcements.

Starlifter, a performing group of the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., provided the entertainment. Band members sang tunes ranging from Ray Charles' version of "America the Beautiful" to "The Air Force Song."

Once the band finished, Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, introduced Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane, ACC command chief master sergeant.

Keane told stories about how he thought of joining the Navy to serving in the Gulf War to the changes in basic training. He said to be successful in the Air Force people should practice everything they learn in basic training.

"Some supervisors will say, 'Forget everything you learned in basic and tech school, this is the real Air Force,'" Keane said. "No, the real Air Force starts in basic training and it carries on throughout your career."

While Keane has met many people during his career, he recalled the time he spent here. He also said Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th BW commander, is the luckiest commander in the Air Force.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Nixon

Chief Master Sgt. Dan Keane, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, speaks at the 509th Bomb Wing annual awards banquet.

"This is an absolutely wonderful installation. I was stationed here in 1994 and there was one aircraft (B-2). When I left, there were three. We had four nose docks

(then) and now we have 14," Keane said. "I was promoted to chief here and it's great to be back.

"The people here are fired up, motivated and ready to take on the world," the chief said.

Keane brought up many points during his speech, but his emphasis was people. He said Air Force warriors should work and play hard, but at the same time people should take care of each other.

One point Keane stressed was to put the past in the past and not hold a mistake over a person's head. "You must let people excel, because if you don't you're going to lose them. They'll want to get out of the Air Force," he said.

When the chief finished speaking, audience members gave him a standing ovation. Raaberg then presented a B-2 statue to Keane and thanked him. The emcees took over from there and announced the winners. They were:

- ✓ Company Grade Officer of the Year — **Capt. Bryan Gillespie**, 509th Security Forces Squadron,
- ✓ Senior NCO of the Year — **Senior Master Sgt. John Little**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron,
- ✓ NCO of the Year — **Staff Sgt. BillyJack Roberts**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron,
- ✓ Airman of the Year — **Senior Airman Randee Dietrick**, 509th Operations Support Squadron,
- ✓ First Sergeant of the Year — **Master Sgt. Gary Bolton**, 509th Maintenance Squadron,
- ✓ Honor Guard Member of the Year — **Senior Airman Marcus Hunter**, 509th Munitions Squadron,
- ✓ Specialist/Manager of the Year — **Cindy Walters**, 509th Comptroller Squadron,
- ✓ Associate of the Year — **Nina Dickey**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, and
- ✓ Volunteer of the Year — **Kindra Schliffke**, Whiteman Elementary School.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

First Sergeant of the Year nominee Master Sgt. Shelia Moses, 509th Operations Support Squadron, accepts a carnation from Staff Sgt. Nichole Maniscalco, 509th Bomb Wing, before the banquet.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Nixon

The Whiteman Honor Guard presented and posted the colors at the annual awards banquet. Pictured are Airmen 1st Class Delvin Prince, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Lateef Jones, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Senior Airman Jason Montondo, 509th Communications Squadron, and Airman Lindsay Trotter, 509th Munitions Squadron.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Members of the 509th Communications Squadron cheer for Staff Sgt. Crystal Heilig, who was nominated in the Airman of the Year category.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Education

For more details, visit <https://www.mil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Student information now online

Students can monitor their Community College of the Air Force degrees when they join the Air Force virtual education center at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>. People can organize their interests and goals on a personal start page, and create an account to receive access to online tools.

Degree program established

The Air Force recently announced an Enlisted-To-Air Force Institute of Technology program as an opportunity to provide graduate degrees to selected enlisted members.

Eligibility requirements must be met before being evaluated by AFIT.

They are:

- ✓ Active-duty Air Force member,
- ✓ Rank of technical sergeant or above,
- ✓ Minimum of eight years time in service,
- ✓ One year on station,
- ✓ Completed appropriate skill level upgrade and professional military education,
- ✓ Have at least three years of retainability from the date of graduation, and
- ✓ Have no adverse quality force actions at least 36 months before application.

Deadline for nomination packages is March 25. For more information, see the newsletter on the AFIT Web site at: <http://rr.afit.edu> or call the education center at 687-5750.

Community

MOAA offers scholarship

College scholarships will be given to sons and daughters of active-duty and Reserve members by the Military Officers Association of America, formerly known as the Retired Officers Association. The association will honor

100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with a \$1,000 scholarship grant for the 2003-2004 school year. Deadline to complete the online application is Saturday.

The association will notify the semifinalists by e-mail in March and may ask for more information. The scholarships will be awarded by late August.

For more details and to apply, visit the Web site at <http://www.moaa.org.education/2003>.

Legal services available

The 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office provides notary and powers of attorney service during duty hours, no appointment is necessary. Will preparation and other legal assistance is available without appointment 8-10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, and 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 687-6809.

Joint electronic warfare conference set

The 48th annual joint electronic warfare conference emphasizing concepts, deployment, tactics, testing, training and operations to be held May 5-8 at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Ca. For details, call Susan Hynds at 805-989-4018 or Melody Dates at 805-383-7832.

Retirement ceremony planned

A retirement ceremony for Maj. Alan Miller, 509th Bomb Wing, begins at 3 p.m. March 21 at Mission's End. A reception follows the ceremony.

Symphony schedules concert

A Sedalia Symphony Orchestra concert begins at 8 p.m. Monday at the Smith-Cotton High School auditorium in Sedalia.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and it's free for children 12 and younger when accompanied by an adult.

Playgroup expands fun

The Mom's, Pop's and Tot's Play group meets 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory. March events include:

- ✓ Crafts Thursday,
- ✓ Holiday party March 13,

- ✓ Field trip March 20, and
 - ✓ All-play and birthday party March 27.
- For more details, call Chelley Plowman at 687-4342.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Self help store announces hours

The self help store is open: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekdays, and 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays.

Pre-retirement briefing set

A transition assistance program for people retiring from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. The military personnel flight separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserve and finance will provide this information.

The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.

TAP program available

A three-day tuition assistance program for people separating or retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Attendees will learn basic resume writing skills, interviewing skills, salary negotiation and receive information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Chapel Corner

Catholic

Eucharistic Service — 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Confessions — 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and upon request

Mass — 5 p.m. Saturdays; 10:45 a.m. Sundays; and 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays

CCD — 9 a.m. Sundays

Protestant

General worship — 9 a.m. Sundays

Gospel — 12:45 p.m. Sundays

Liturgical — 8 a.m. Sundays

Sunday School — 10:45 a.m. Sundays

Awana Kids' Club

Meal — 5 p.m. Tuesdays

Awana — 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the community center

Additional worship opportunities are offered through various lay councils, organizations and activities. For more information, call 687-3652.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Can you hear me now?

Tech. Sgt. Pedro Canabal and Master Sgt. Robert Bursey, 509th Bomb Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office, check to ensure donated cellular phones are in working order. The MEO office is collecting for its annual cell phone drive through March 7. The phones will be given to a shelter for battered and abused women. For more information, call 687-5737.

509ers take on nation's best at DOD tournament

By Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

John McKeehan and Roscoe Van Ausdoll will be doing battle in another man's territory at the 2003 Department of Defense Fishing Tournament March 30.

The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron technical sergeants along with eight Whiteman members will travel to Lake Guntersville, Ala., to face 200 teams nationwide. But Van Ausdoll said a good number of the competitors have fished at the lake several times and some for many years, giving them the edge heading into the fiercely competitive tournament.

"It's going to be a pretty tough tournament," said Van Ausdoll, who has been fishing competitively for 18 years. "Not many of us have fished (in Lake Guntersville). We're competing against people who pretty much own that lake."

The other Whiteman teams are: Michael Radenheimer, 509th AMXS and William Gutierrez; Scott Bachowski, 509th Operations Support Squadron and Cory Nicholson, 509th Bomb Wing; and Justin Jacquay, 509th Security Forces and Jeremy Lemmons, 509th SFS.

Competitors will have three practice days to become familiar with the lake before the six-day tournament starts. Teams will choose five of their heaviest fish to weigh each day. There will be a daily "Big Bass" award of \$1,200 for first place and \$4,000 will be awarded to the team with the highest weight total for the three days. Prize money isn't the only thing in store for the 200 competitors.

"If you go down there and win a tournament of that caliber, different (sponsors) will be looking to pick you up at a different tournament," McKeehan said. More information is available online at <http://www.geocities.com/dodbass>

Fishing free-for-all: The Whiteman intramural fishing season starts April 10. It's sponsored by the 509th Services



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

John McKeehan and Roscoe Van Ausdoll, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, are competitive fishing veterans. They will compete as a two-man team along with three other teams from Whiteman at the 13th annual Department of Defense Team Bass Tournament March 30 through April 4 in Lake Guntersville, Ala.

Squadron's outdoor recreation center. Members engage in a dual competition for the commander's team trophy in the team competition, and for cash prizes and gift certificates to the Sedalia Bass Pro store. Teams compete twice per month, each time

for eight hours, with 10 tournaments taking place April through October. Competition takes place at the Long Shoals Marina just outside Tightwad, Mo. While members battle it out, McKeehan said the league's purpose isn't just for competition.

"We're competitive," Van Ausdoll said. "but we also try to drop hints to other people so they can enjoy it too."

Those interested in intramural fishing can sign up at outdoor recreation.

442nd uses depth, talent to win first Over-30 tournament

By Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

Set plays were thrown out as the 442nd Fighter Wing's Over-30 basketball team played simply to have fun.

"We went out there and played street ball," said 442nd coach Carl Clark. "We didn't have any plays; we just played."

But in the championship game against the top-seeded Flyers, the 442nd's competitive side came out.

Using its talent, the 442nd team wore down the Flyers with quickness to win 48-31 Feb. 6 and capture its first Over-30 crown.

The 442nd's players had revenge on their minds. It seemed each season the 442nd squad would put together a good team but fell short each year. The Flyers had taken the two previous championships.

This year, the team split a pair of contests with the Flyers, whose players are 394th Combat Training Squadron and 393rd Bomb Squadron members. Due to tiebreaker rules, the Flyers took the top seed.

"We always felt like we could win it, but something always came in the way," Clark said. "This year we felt we could win it too. We had a lot of good ball players and depth."

Among those good players was leading scorer Kelly Askew, three-point shooter Steve Nester, and post players Tony Axton,

"We always felt like we could win it."

Carl Clark

442nd Fighter Wing Intramural Basketball Coach

Tony Johnson and John Bazzle. Clark said Askew steadily performed on offense and the post players grabbed crucial rebounds in the paint.

Clark said he had a competitive team when everyone could make it to a game, but temporary duty assignments and other commitments sometimes left the team a few players short. Clark said the team was a few players short in a regular-season loss to the 509th Operations Support Squadron.

However, when the 442nd took on the Flyers in the championship game, its best players made it to the contest, giving the 442nd its best chance at beating the Flyers. The 442nd's win put an end to the Flyers' three-peat bid.

"We never had a real shot at them with full force," Clark said.

Camaraderie also may have contributed to the team's success as many of the team's members play pickup basketball together.

The team finished the season with an 11-2 overall mark and went 3-0 in the single-elimination tournament.



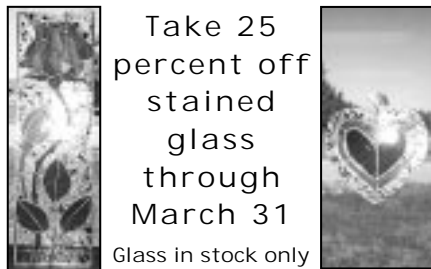
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Members of the 442nd Fighter Wing's Over-30 intramural basketball team pose with the first-place trophy after defeating the Flyers 48-31 in the Over-30 basketball championship. Clockwise: Mike Bever, Mark Ernewein, Tony Johnson, John Mallas, Tony Axton, Steve Nester, Carl Clark, Ron Clark, Bic Hannah. John Bazzle, Calvin Carter and Rick Davis are not in the picture.



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Skills Development **687-5691**



Framing class

Students can learn to cut glass and join a frame 9 a.m.-noon March 11. The cost is \$40 and includes supplies.

Throwing pottery class

Learn to use a spinning wheel in a three-session class 6-8 p.m. beginning March 13. The cost is \$30 plus clay and glazes.

Dying and spinning wool class

Learn the art of spinning and dying wool in a three-session class 6-8 p.m. beginning March 11. The cost is \$27.50 and includes supplies.

Teen Center **687-5819**

Power hour

Teens needing homework assistance can use the computer lab free 3:30-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Photography club

Teens can join a photography club. Meetings take place 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 13. There is a \$5 club fee. Sign up by March 8. Students must bring a disposable camera. Once film is developed, a photo will be chosen for the contest. Winners will be shown at the Boys and Girls Club's National Conference throughout the year.

TEENS supreme Keystone club

Teens can meet 7-8 p.m. Thursday for the TEENS supreme Keystone club. Call for more information.

Family Child Care Provider Class



Michele Youngdahl, wife of Staff Sgt. Allen Youngdahl, 509th Munitions Squadron, is a family child care provider. People can receive free certification to become an FCC provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 17-21. Sign up by March 12. Stop by the FCC office to get your registration package. For more information, call 687-5590.

B.R.I.D.G.E.



Five- through 12-year-old children of deployed military members can participate in a free video game challenge 3-5 p.m. Saturday. Call 687-5586 Mondays to make reservations. This program is offered Saturdays at the youth center.

Youth Center **687-5586**

Torch club meeting

Fifth through seventh graders can meet 5-6 p.m. Saturday. The Torch Club is a youth leadership club dedicated to community service and learning life skills. This is a Boys and Girls Club of America program.

PJ pizza party

Fifth through seventh graders can enjoy pizza and wear pajamas 6-9 p.m. March 8. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Sign up by Wednesday. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Survivor fun night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can enjoy fun night 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 7. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5.50 for nonmembers. The children will divide into groups and take part in fun activities.

Photography contest

Fourth through seventh graders can enter the Boys and Girls Club 2003 Image Makers National Photography Contest Monday through March 7. The cost is \$5. Students meet Tuesdays beginning March 11 to learn photography. Students must bring a disposable camera. Once youth have the film developed, a photo will be chosen for the contest. Winners will be shown at the Boys and Girls Club's National Conference throughout the year.

Youth baseball registration

Youths ages 5-18 can register Saturday through March 20 for baseball. The cost is \$25 for members and \$32 for nonmembers.

Cost includes safe playing fields, trained coaches, team equipment, shirt, hat and end-of-season medal.

Children must be 5 by March 1 to register. Sponsored in part by First Command Financial Planning. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Auto Skills **687-5689**

Pro Link 9000 code reader class

Learn to operate the model 9000 code reader 2-5 p.m. March 12. The cost is \$5. Call to register.

Outdoor Recreation **687-5565**

Boater safety course

A boater safety course takes place 9-11 a.m. Saturday. This free course is required to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Reservations are required.

Wall climbing class

Learn safe climbing procedures and receive free certification 6-8 p.m. March 7. Outdoor recreation extended wall climbing hours for people who are certified to 5:30-9 p.m. March 7.

Ice Sports Arena

Travel to Shawnee, Kan., at 10 a.m. March 8 to skate. The cost is \$8. Return to base at 3:30 p.m. Sign up by Thursday. Bring money for lunch and snacks.

Annual spring crappie tournament

Active-duty, retiree, Reservist or Department of Defense members and their families can fish in a crappie tournament at Long Shoals Marina and Truman Lake. Check in by 7:10 a.m. March 15. The cost is \$25 per boat with a maximum of two people per boat. Visit outdoor recreation to register and to receive a copy of the rules.

Community Center **687-5617**

Pick your flick

Airmen can bring a VHS video to watch on our big-screen TV Mondays-Saturdays.

Cartooning class

Learn the art of drawing cartoons 3-4 p.m. March 8. Latisha Banks instructs participants free. Bring a sketch pad and No. 2 pencils.

Beautiful baby contest

Parents can enter their child, 12 months and younger, in the annual beautiful baby contest March 10-15. Only non-copyrighted photos may be entered.

The public can anonymously pick winners until March 28. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Kangaroo Jack PG 7 p.m.

Starring -- Jerry O'Connell & Anthony Anderson
Two friends from Brooklyn, N.Y., are forced to deliver mob money to Australia. One of them places his red jacket on a kangaroo and the kangaroo bounces off. They realize the mob money is in the jacket and are forced to give chase through the outback.

Saturday

Kangaroo Jack PG 7 p.m.

Starring -- Jerry O'Connell & Anthony Anderson

Sunday

A Guy Thing PG-13 5:30 p.m.

Starring -- Jason Lee & Julia Stiles
Paul tells a teensy lie, which turns into a bigger lie. From his bachelor party to the wedding, his lies spiral out of control. It's amazing how much can change because of one little thing.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50

Movie recording line 687-5110

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